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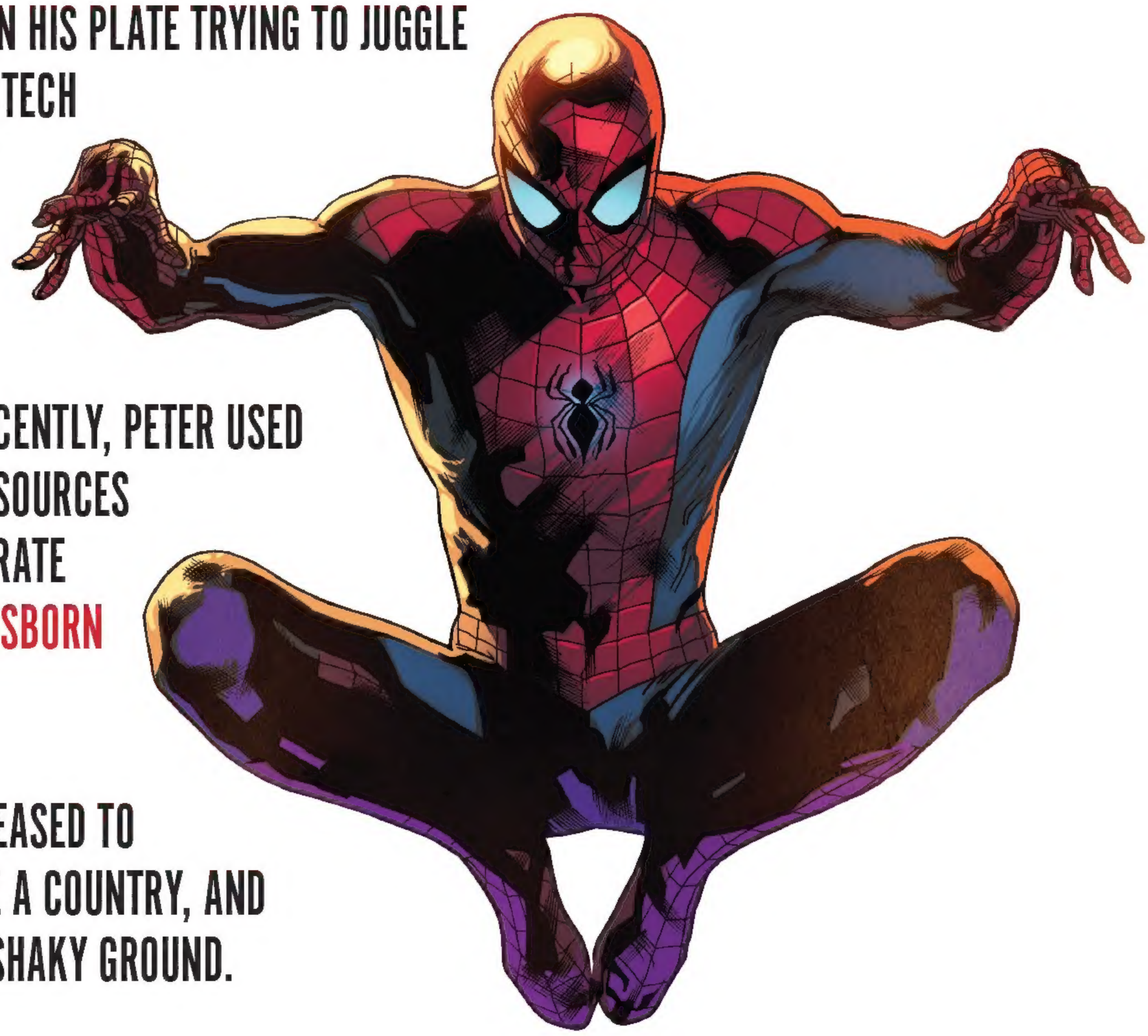
WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILTY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

PETER PARKER HAS A LOT ON HIS PLATE TRYING TO JUGGLE HIS LIFE AS THE C.E.O. OF A TECH COMPANY AND AS YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN, ESPECIALLY WHEN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS JUST GONE GLOBAL. RECENTLY, PETER USED HIS PARKER INDUSTRIES RESOURCES TO HELP SILVER SABLE LIBERATE SYMKARIA FROM NORMAN OSBORN AND HIS GOBLIN SERUM.

BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS PLEASED TO SEE A CORPORATION INVADE A COUNTRY, AND PARKER INDUSTRIES IS ON SHAKY GROUND.



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LONDON.
PETE, REMEMBER, THIS INTERVIEW IS ABOUT ONE THING: DAMAGE CONTROL.
PARKER INDUSTRIES IS FACING A ZILLION LAWSUITS...
...AND YOU'VE GOT A REPUTATION FOR BEING... FLAKY.
"FLAKY"? HOW?
FOR ALWAYS RUNNING OFF AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.
BECAUSE OF THWIP THWIP.
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMPANY, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES, DON'T BE THAT GUY.
GOT IT. SO, ANNA MARIA, ANY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT?
"GOOD LUCK, BOSS"? MAYBE A "GO GET 'EM, TIGER"?
DON'T SCREW UP.
THANKS FOR JOINING US, MR. PARKER. FIRST OFF, OUR VIEWERS NEED TO KNOW...
...WHAT KIND OF COMPANY ARE YOU RUNNING? LAST WEEK, ONE OF YOUR PRODUCTS WAS LINKED TO MASS CASES OF NAUSEA AND DISCOMFORT.
AND NOW, THIS WEEK, YOU PRIVATELY FUNDED A WAR.
WOW. SO MUCH FOR SMALL TALK.
WE TOOK ACTION TO STOP TERRORISTS AND THE SPREAD OF A DEADLY VIRUS.
SO IF YOU'RE SAYING PARKER INDUSTRIES VALUES PEOPLE OVER PROFITS, WELL, GUILTY AS CHARGED.

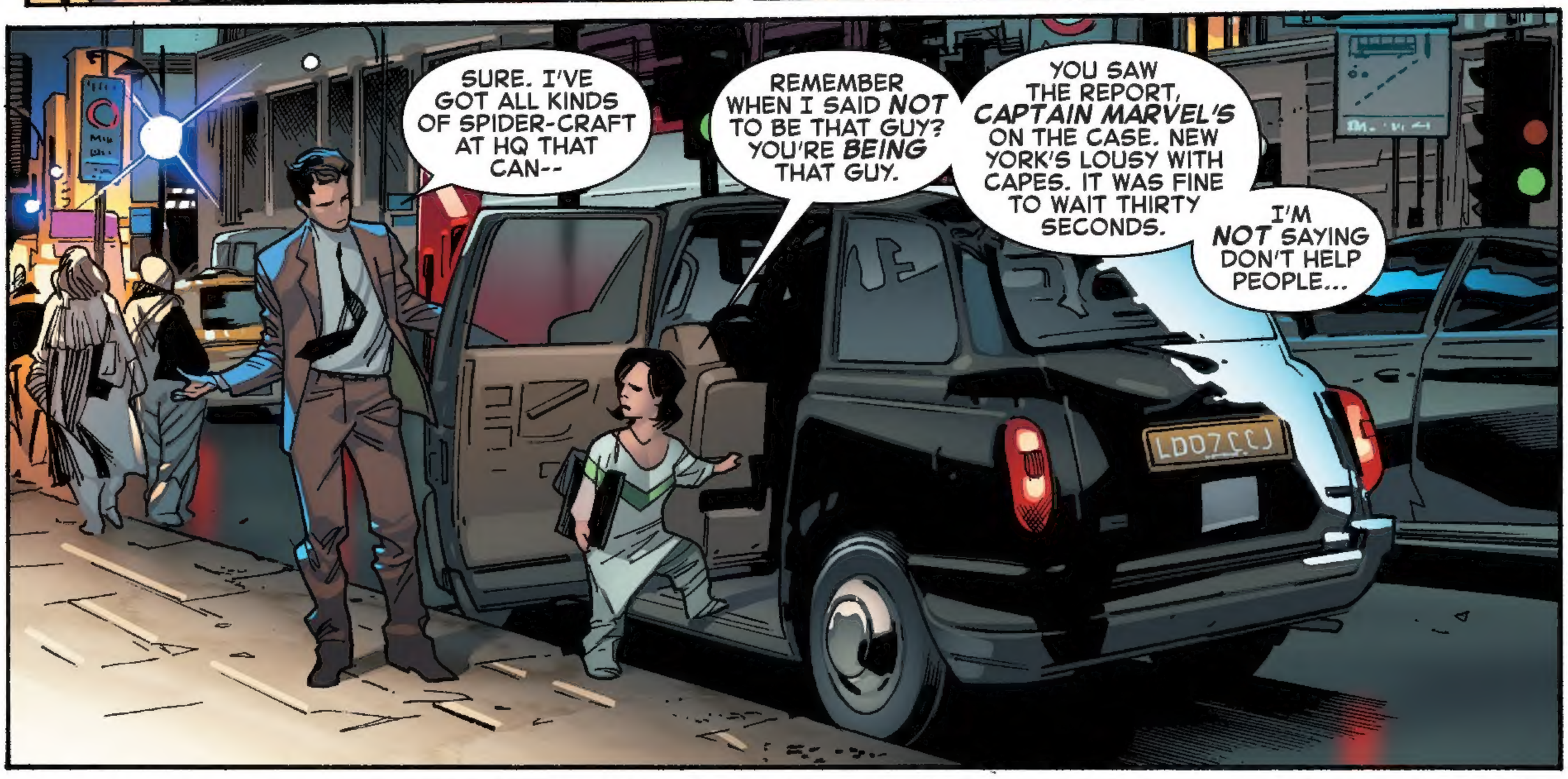
BUT YOU'RE NOT S.H.I.E.L.D. WHAT BUSINESS DOES A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY HAVE INVADING A COUNTRY AND OVERTHROWING ITS GOVERNMENT?
A GOVERNMENT THAT WAS GOING TO TURN ITS PEOPLE INTO GOBLINS. C'MON! WE SAVED THEM.
FOR MORE ON THAT, LET'S GO LIVE TO SYMKARIA, AND RENOWNED FREEDOM FIGHTER SILVER SABLE.
CAN YOU OUTLINE YOUR COUNTRY'S CURRENT STATE OF CHAOS?
LIVE: SYMKARIA
CHAOS? NO. THERE'S INSTABILITY, CAUSED BY THE CRIMINALS WHO RECENTLY HELD POWER. BUT OUR PEOPLE ARE SAFE...
...THANKS TO PARKER INDUSTRIES AND ITS CHARITABLE ARM, THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION. MAY PARKER AND HER TEAM HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID.
AS WE'VE DONE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. PETER PARKER IS MY NEPHEW, AND I'M PROUD OF HIS SUCCESS...
...BUT I'M MOST PROUD THAT HE PUTS HELPING PEOPLE FIRST. I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF CORPORATE BEHAVIOR THE PUBLIC WANTS.
I KNOW SHE'S NOT AN IMPARTIAL SOURCE, BUT THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.
EXCUSE ME, MR. PARKER, WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS...
I'M BEING TOLD EARTH IS UNDER ALIEN ATTACK.

"SOME OF OUR MOST POWERFUL PROTECTORS HAVE JOINED WITH *ALPHA FLIGHT SPACE STATION* TO COMBAT AN INVASION BY THE ALIEN *CHITAURI*.

"WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS *LIVE SATELLITE FOOTAGE*."

I'M SORRY, MR. PARKER, BUT GIVEN WHAT'S HAPPENING, WE'LL HAVE TO RESCHEDULE.
OF COURSE. I SHOULD GET BACK TO THE OFFICE ANYWAY...

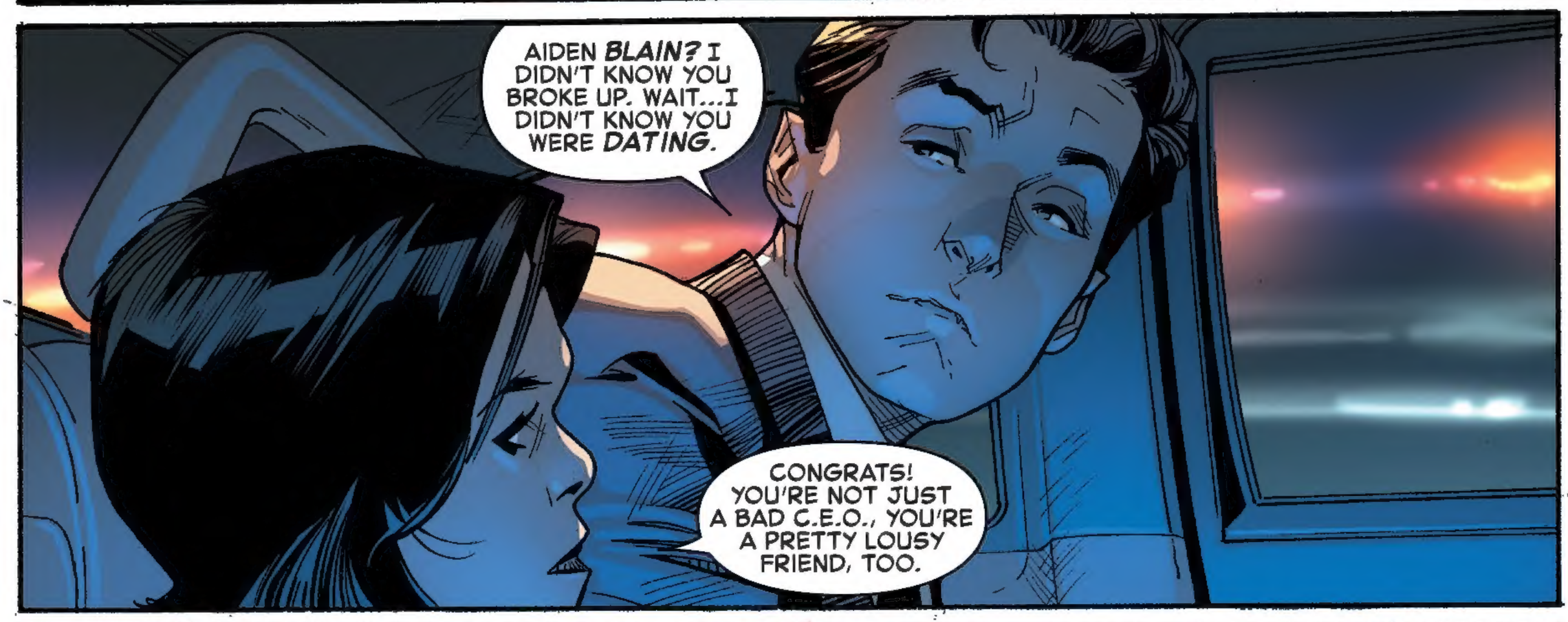
YOU WERE *THIS CLOSE* TO RUNNING OFF AGAIN! IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INTERVIEW!
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO, *FLY* INTO SPACE TO HELP? OR ACROSS THE OCEAN?

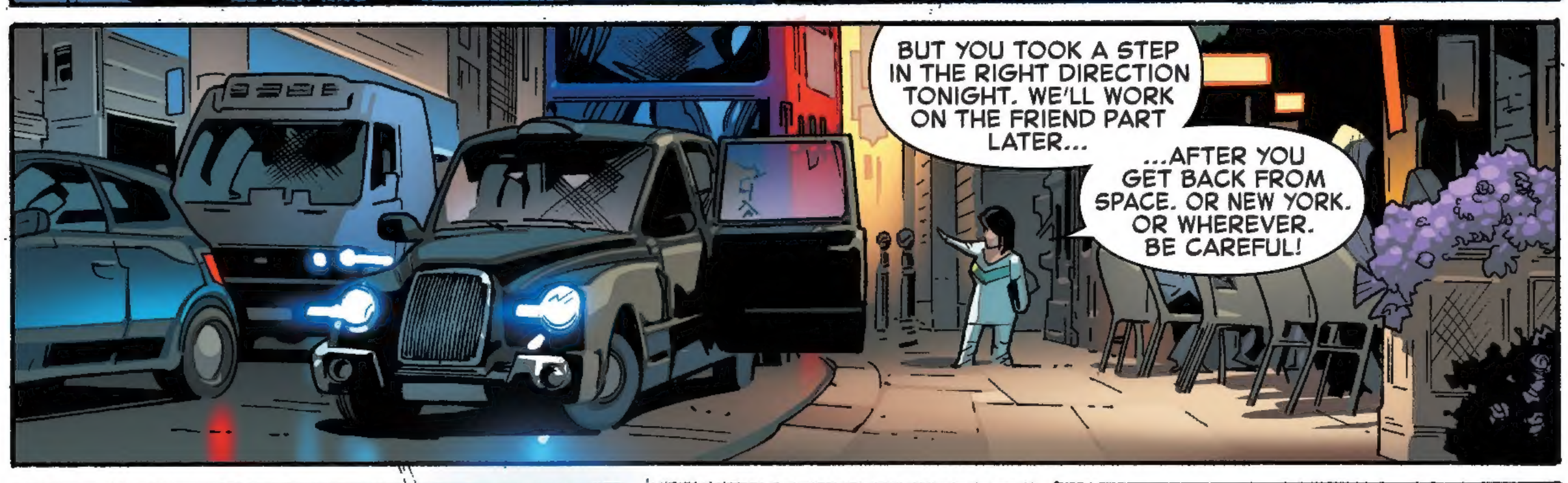

SURE. I'VE GOT ALL KINDS OF SPIDER-CRAFT AT HQ THAT CAN--
REMEMBER WHEN I SAID *NOT* TO BE THAT GUY? YOU'RE *BEING* THAT GUY.
YOU SAW THE REPORT, *CAPTAIN MARVEL'S* ON THE CASE. NEW YORK'S LOUSY WITH CAPES. IT WAS FINE TO WAIT THIRTY SECONDS.
I'M *NOT* SAYING DON'T HELP PEOPLE...

...BUT YOU RUN A GLOBAL COMPANY. A LOT OF FOLKS THERE DEPEND ON YOU, TOO.
YOU'RE... NOT WRONG.

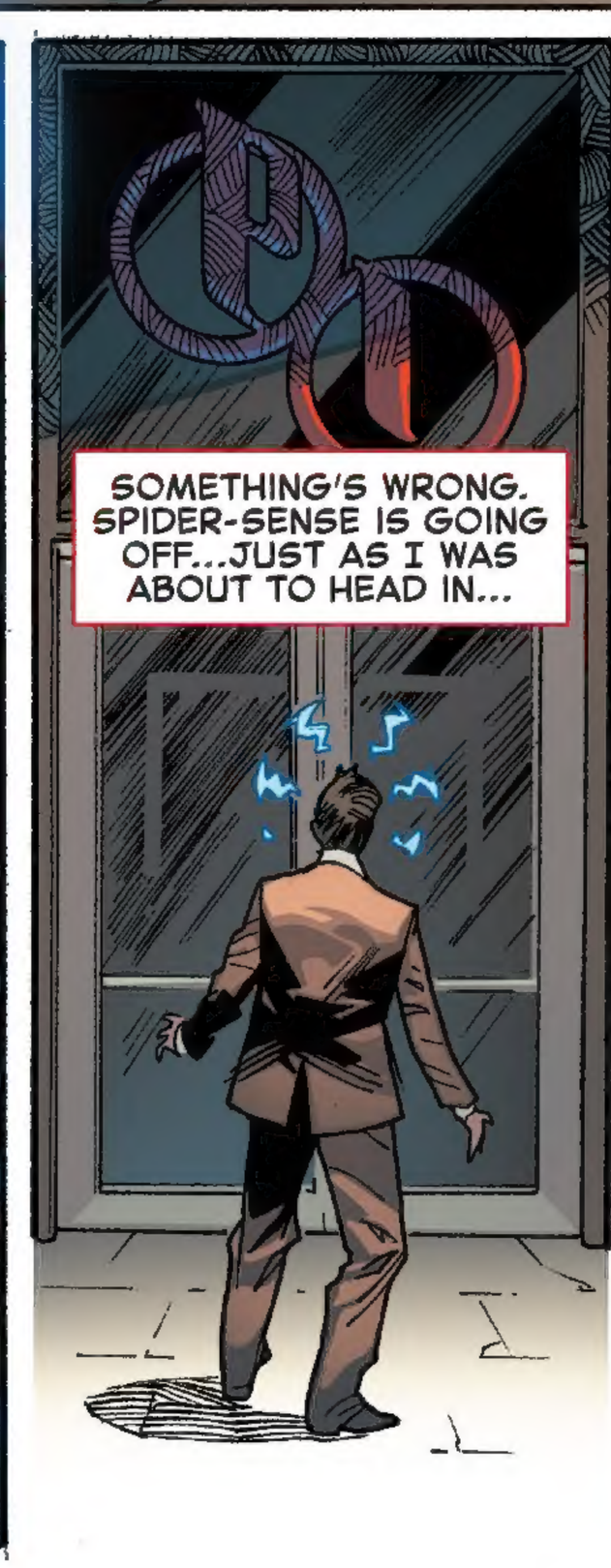
HOW DID IRON MAN EVER DO THIS?
WITH AN ENLARGED LIVER AND AN ARTIFICIAL HEART. HANG IN THERE, PETE. YOU JUST MIGHT PULL THROUGH...
BLOOP BLOOP

OH, JUST WHAT I NEED...MY EX IS IN A CAFE AROUND THE CORNER AND NEEDS TO SEE ME. *URGENTLY.*
OKAY, AIDEN, AFTER THE WAY YOU LEFT ME, THIS BETTER BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

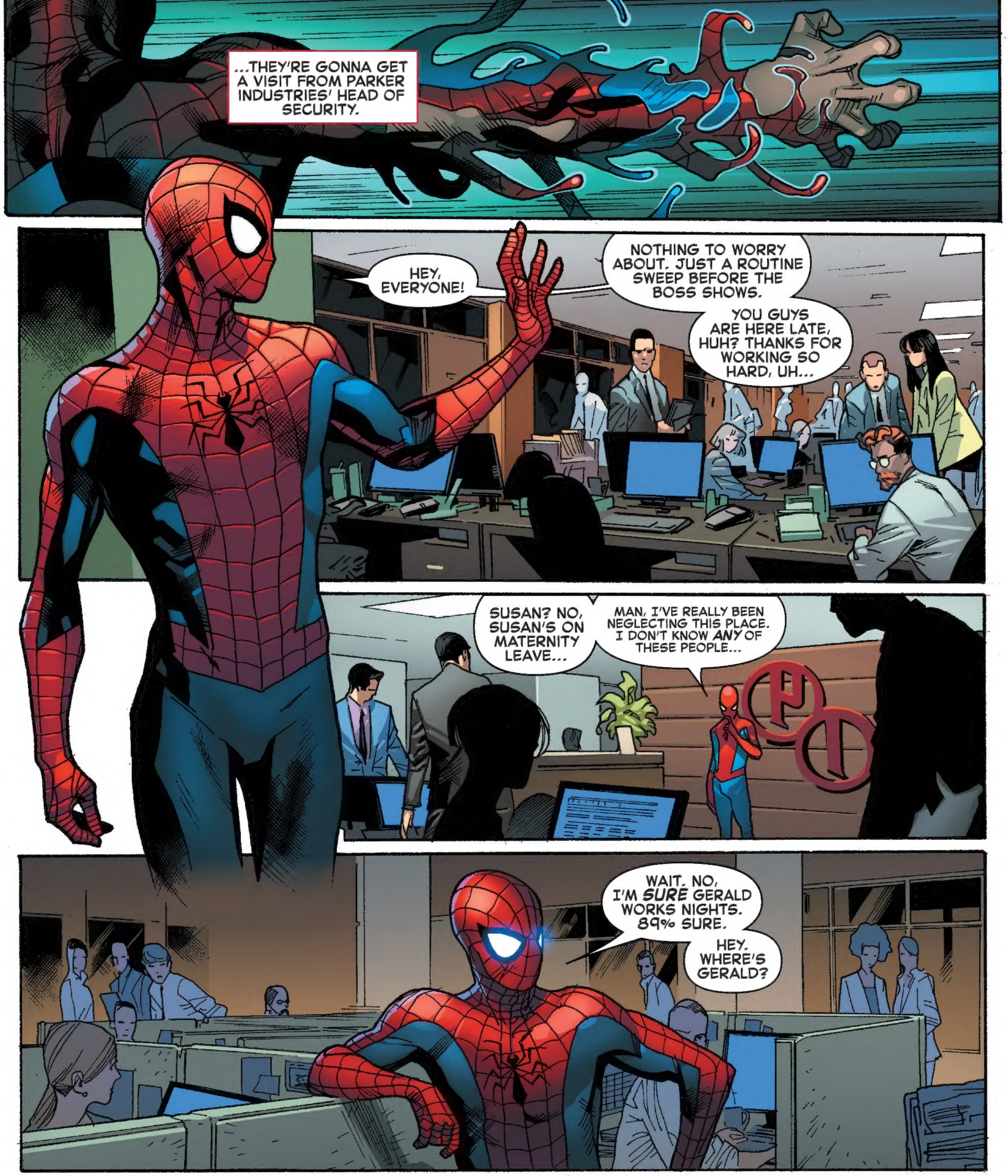

AIDEN *BLAIN?* I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BROKE UP. WAIT...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE *DATING.*
CONGRATS! YOU'RE NOT JUST A BAD C.E.O., YOU'RE A PRETTY LOUSY FRIEND, TOO.

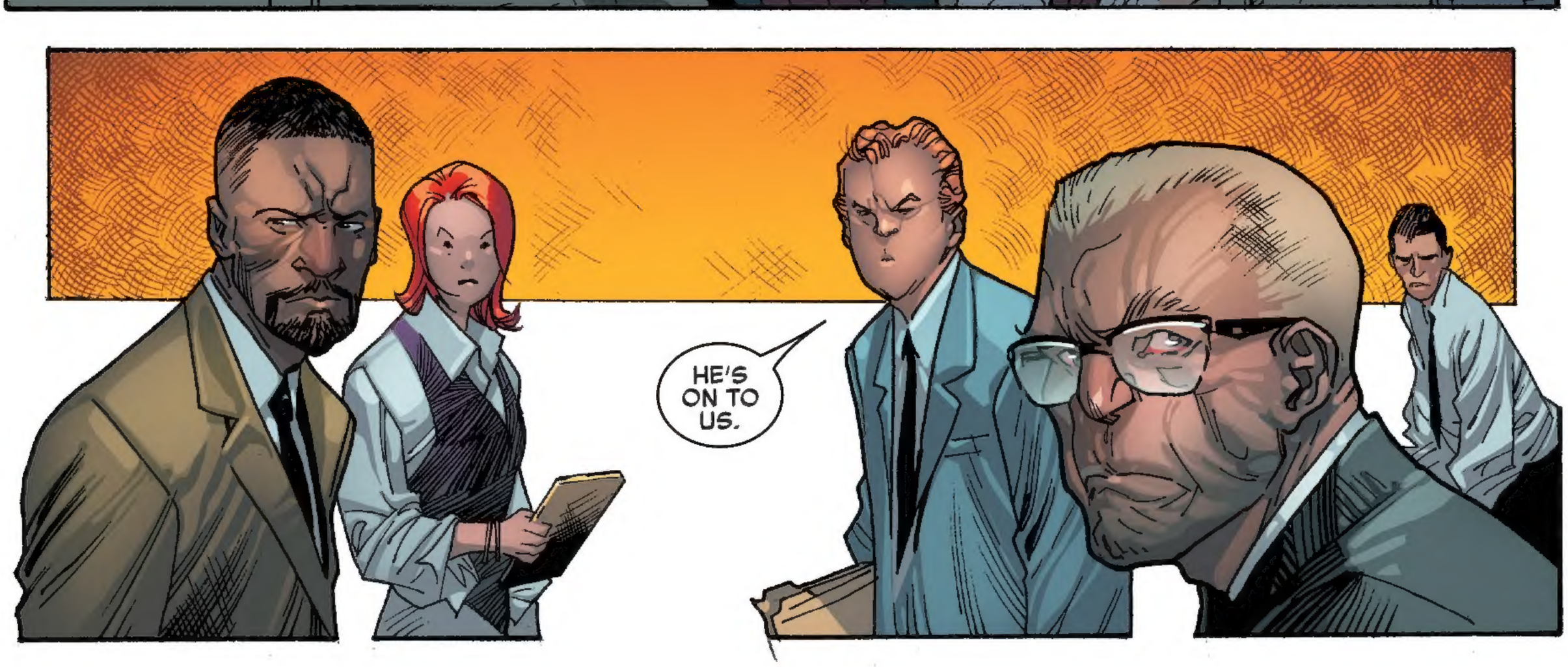

BUT YOU TOOK A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TONIGHT. WE'LL WORK ON THE FRIEND PART LATER...
...AFTER YOU GET BACK FROM SPACE. OR NEW YORK. OR WHEREVER. BE CAREFUL!

SHE'S RIGHT. I DO AS MUCH GOOD THROUGH PARKER INDUSTRIES AS I DO IN THE SPIDEY SUIT. I NEED TO--


SOMETHING'S WRONG. SPIDER-SENSE IS GOING OFF...JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO HEAD IN...

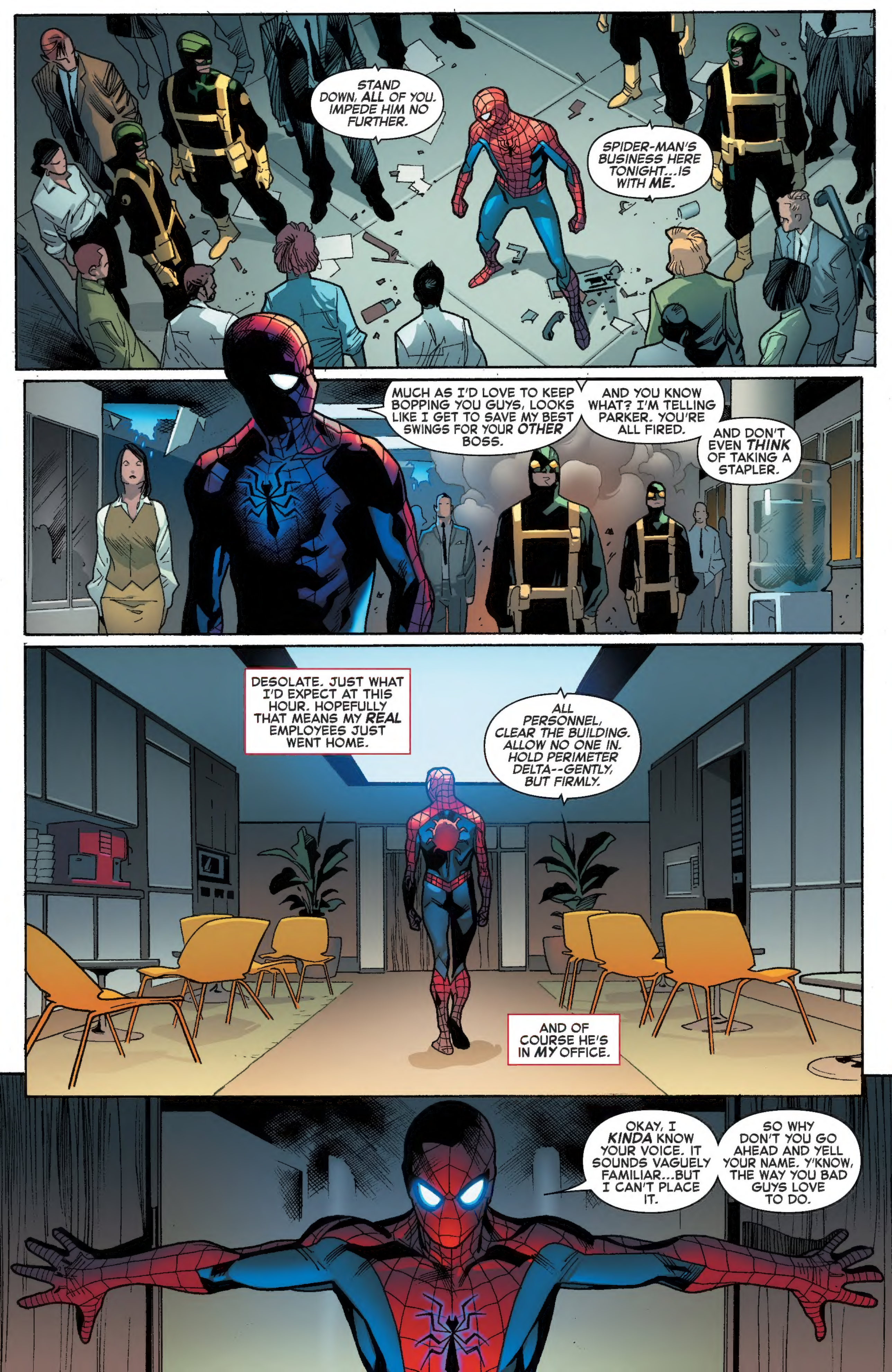
...WHICH MEANS INSTEAD OF C.E.O....


...THEY'RE GONNA GET A VISIT FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES' HEAD OF SECURITY.
HEY, EVERYONE!
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. JUST A ROUTINE SWEEP BEFORE THE BOSS SHOWS.
YOU GUYS ARE HERE LATE, HUH? THANKS FOR WORKING SO HARD, UH...
SUSAN? NO, SUSAN'S ON MATERNITY LEAVE...
MAN, I'VE REALLY BEEN NEGLECTING THIS PLACE. I DON'T KNOW *ANY* OF THESE PEOPLE...
WAIT. NO, I'M *SURE* GERALD WORKS NIGHTS. 89% SURE.
HEY. WHERE'S GERALD?


HE'S ON TO US.

HAIL HYDRA!

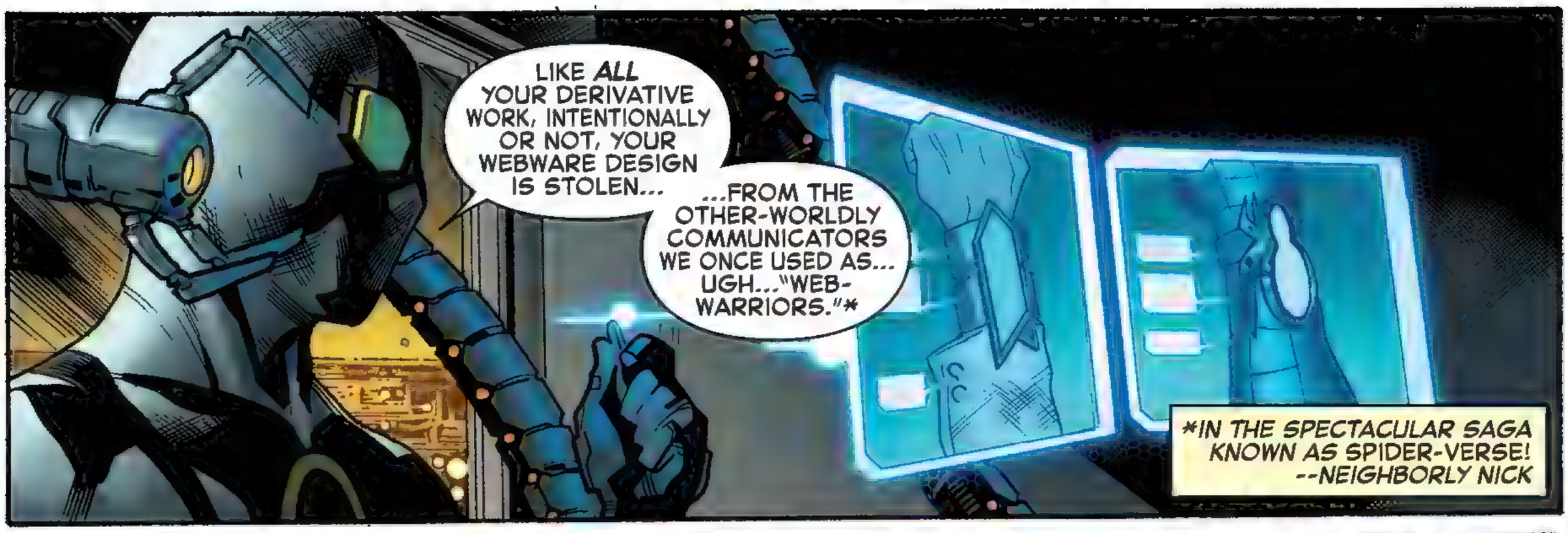
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.


STAND DOWN, ALL OF YOU. IMPEDE HIM NO FURTHER.
SPIDER-MAN'S BUSINESS HERE TONIGHT...IS WITH ME.
MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO KEEP BOPPING YOU GUYS, LOOKS LIKE I GET TO SAVE MY BEST SWINGS FOR YOUR OTHER BOSS.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M TELLING PARKER. YOU'RE ALL FIRED.
AND DON'T EVEN THINK OF TAKING A STAPLER.
DESOLATE. JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT AT THIS HOUR. HOPEFULLY THAT MEANS MY REAL EMPLOYEES JUST WENT HOME.
ALL PERSONNEL, CLEAR THE BUILDING. ALLOW NO ONE IN. HOLD PERIMETER DELTA--GENTLY, BUT FIRMLY.
AND OF COURSE HE'S IN MY OFFICE.
OKAY, I KINDA KNOW YOUR VOICE. IT SOUNDS VAGUELY FAMILIAR...BUT I CAN'T PLACE IT.
SO WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND YELL YOUR NAME. Y'KNOW, THE WAY YOU BAD GUYS LOVE TO DO.

REALLY, *PARKER,* THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH HISTRIONICS. YOU KNOW ME AS WELL AS I KNOW YOU.
AFTER ALL, I'VE WALKED MILES IN YOUR SHOES.
DOC OCK.
SO YOU SURVIVED. AGAIN. CLONE BODY?
TECHNICALLY, YES. BUT NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.
FAR *SUPERIOR.*
BEATS GOING LOW-CARB, I GUESS. SO YOU'RE BACK-- CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED.
WORKING WITH *HYDRA,* THOUGH, DOC? THAT'S SINKING *LOW.*
THEY, TOO, ARE NOT WHAT THEY *WERE.* THEIR DAY IS COMING.
HYDRA. YEAH, *RIGHT.*

LISTEN, OTTO, I KNOW THERE'S GOOD IN YOU. I'VE *SEEN* IT. YOU CAN STILL GET OFF THIS CRAZY TRAIN.
COME WITH ME TO NEW YORK, HELP ME STOP THIS WHATEVER-IT-IS, AND I'LL *HELP* YOU MAKE A NEW START--
SILENCE. IT IS *I* WHO HAVE AN OFFER TO EXTEND, NOT *YOU.*
I'VE BEEN IN YOUR HEAD. I FEEL A *KINSHIP* OF SORTS TO YOU... AND THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. THAT'S WHY I AM GIVING *YOU* THE OPPORTUNITY...
...TO PEACEFULLY TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF PARKER INDUSTRIES TO *ME!*
WHAT?!
WHY WOULD I GIVE MY COMPANY TO--

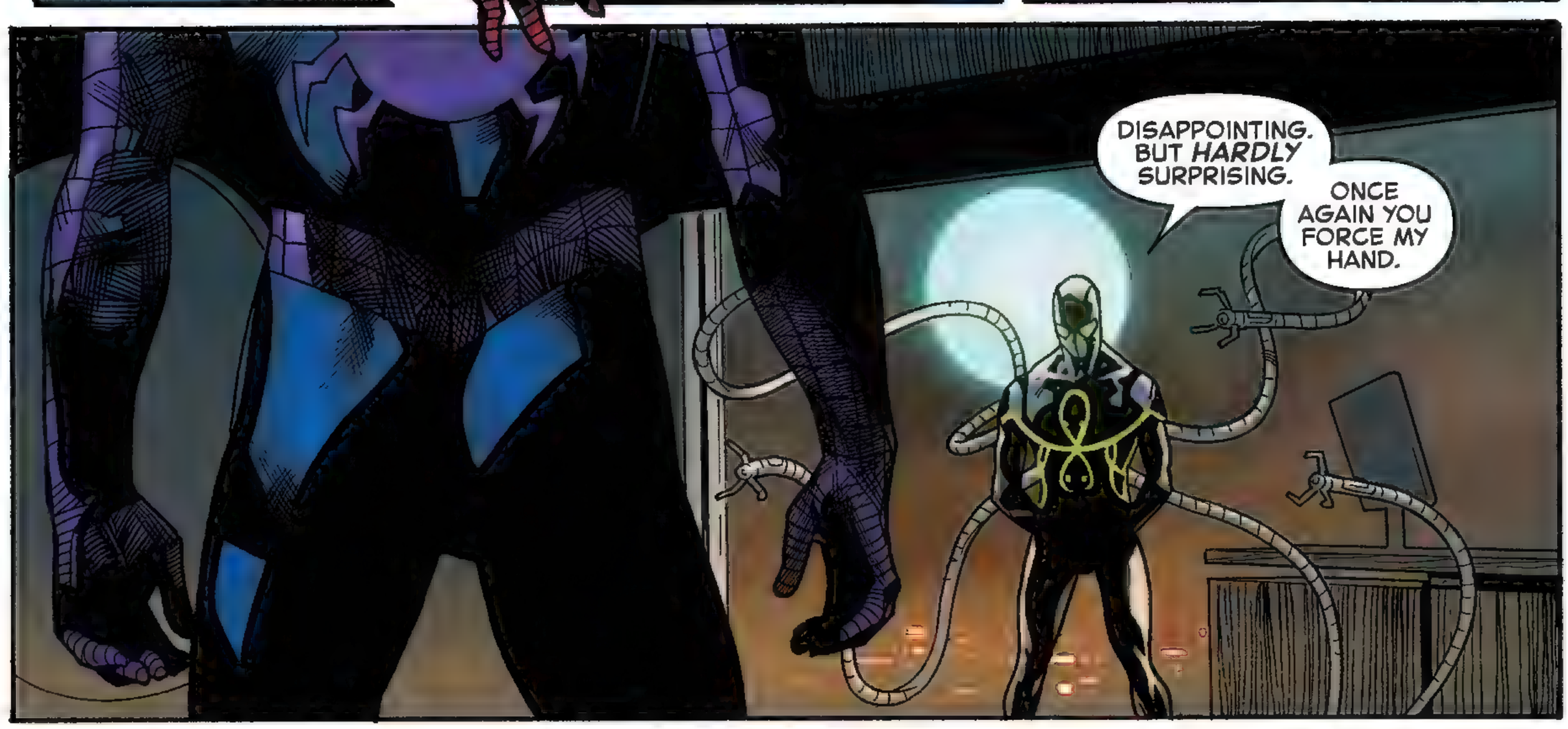
YOUR COMPANY? PARKER, YOUR CAPACITY FOR SELF-DELUSION IS STAGGERING.
"IT WAS I, IN YOUR BODY, WHO LAUNCHED PARKER INDUSTRIES.
"AND EVEN AFTERWARD, WHEN MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS TRAPPED IN THE LIVING BRAIN, I HACKED SYSTEMS AND MANIPULATED MARKETS TO FAVOR US!
"DON'T TELL ME YOU CREDITED THAT TO YOUR 'BUSINESS ACUMEN.' HAH!"
NASDAQ
NASDAQ COMPOSITE
CLOSING CROSS
AND MY INVENTIONS HAVE BEEN THE CORNERSTONE OF--
NUH-UH. NO DICE. WEBWARE IS OUR SIGNATURE PRODUCT, AND THAT'S ALL ME.
WEBWARE? HA HA HA HA!
WEBWARE IS THE BIGGEST JOKE OF ALL!


LIKE ALL YOUR DERIVATIVE WORK, INTENTIONALLY OR NOT, YOUR WEBWARE DESIGN IS STOLEN...
...FROM THE OTHER-WORLDLY COMMUNICATORS WE ONCE USED AS... UGH..."WEB-WARRIORS."*
*IN THE SPECTACULAR SAGA KNOWN AS SPIDER-VERSE! --NEIGHBORLY NICK

IS THAT TRUE?
I-- I NEVER MEANT TO--

I HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR PATIENCE FOR YOU TO WRESTLE WITH YOUR PRIDE AND PRECIOUS ETHICS.
WILL YOU SURRENDER PARKER INDUSTRIES? I REQUIRE AN ANSWER! NOW!

AND I REQUIRE YOU TO EAT MY WEBBED SHORTS.
THIS IS MY COMPANY. I'LL NEVER GIVE IT UP TO YOU.


DISAPPOINTING. BUT HARDLY SURPRISING.
ONCE AGAIN YOU FORCE MY HAND.

BEHOLD! THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NOW ENGULFED BY A BUBBLE OF EBON ENERGY.
WH-- HOW DID THAT--?
I COULD TELL YOU, BUT IT'S HARDLY RELEVANT. WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT THE WORLD BELIEVES...
...OR WHAT I WISH THEM TO BELIEVE.
BLOOP
THE LAST IMAGES OUT OF NEW YORK BEFORE ALL CONTACT WAS LOST SHOW A FIELD OF DARKNESS EMANATING FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES.
THAT FLOOR HOUSES THEIR MOST CUTTING-EDGE EXPERIMENTS, ONE OF WHICH HAS APPARENTLY SPUN OUT OF CONTROL, CUTTING OFF THE ENTIRE ISLAND...
LIES AND POPPYCOCK? INDEED. BUT NEVERTHELESS EFFECTIVE.
AND THE WORLD WILL BLAME PETER PARKER FOR MANHATTAN'S DARK FATE.

UNDO IT! NOW!
MY FRIENDS-- YOU SAID YOU CARED ABOUT THEM!
A FEW. MOST ARE CRETINS. HARRY, BETTY, MARY JANE... PERHAPS IF YOU'D BEEN THERE...
...BUT THEY'RE TRAPPED NOW. BECAUSE OF YOU. SO SAD.
SHUT UP!
OH, I'M SORRY...
...WAS THAT YOUR BEST SHOT?

NOPE.
THWIP
THWIP
SPLAT
NOT EVEN CLOSE!

FZZZZ
FOOL. I PREPARED FOR YOUR WEBBING.

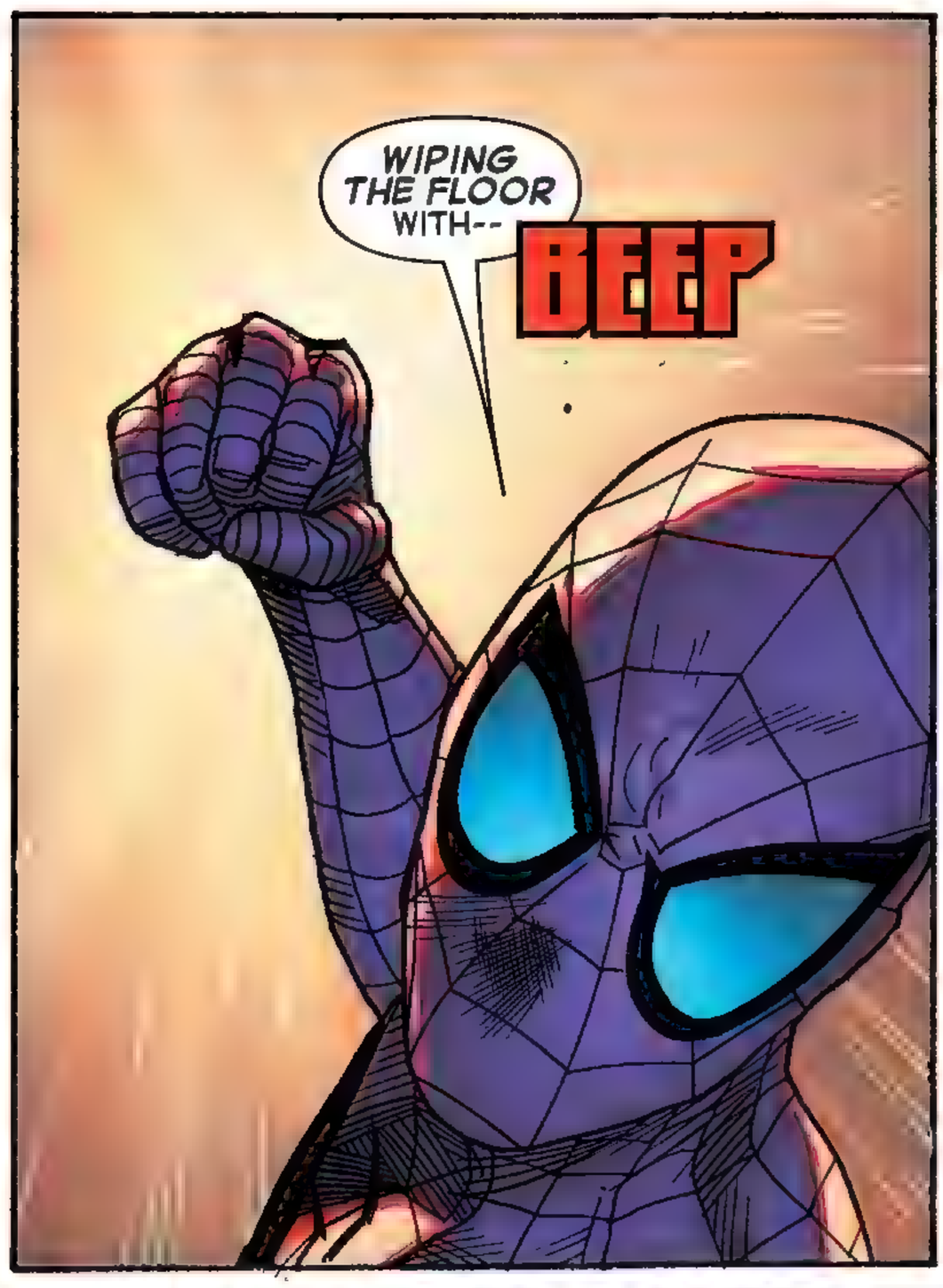
I KNOW ALL YOUR TRICKS!

WHABAAMM
AND I KNOW HOW TO COUNTER THEM!

HERE'S A NEW ONE--WANT REGULAR OR DECAF?
THWIP
THWIP

HOW 'BOUT BOTH?
AARRH!
KRAK

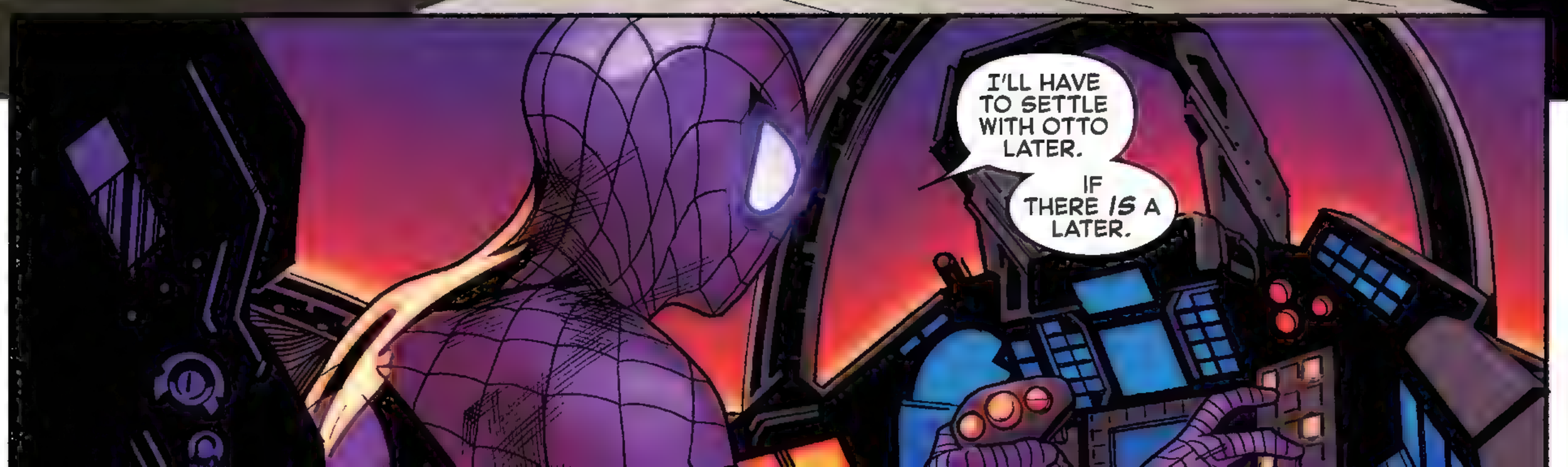
AND FOR THE ENCORE, AN OLD FAVORITE.


WIPING THE FLOOR WITH--
BEEP

ALL AVENGERS-- I REPEAT, ANY AND ALL AVENGERS THAT ARE LEFT--THIS IS IRON MAN.
IF YOU CAN HEAR THIS, YOUR SERVICES ARE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY--

AH, THE ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON WASHINGTON. WELL, WHAT'LL IT BE, PETER? STAY HERE...
...OR HELP YOUR POOR FRIENDS WHEN-- TRUST ME ON THIS-- THEY'LL NEED YOU THE MOST?

CAN'T BELIEVE I THOUGHT HE HAD A CONSCIENCE!
ALL RIGHT, LESS ANGER, MORE REVIEWING BASICS OF PILOTING A SUPERSONIC POGO PLANE...


I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE WITH OTTO LATER.
IF THERE IS A LATER.

OI! THEY'RE LAUNCHING ROCKETS NOW? THAT CAN'T BE SAFE, CAN IT?
EXCELLENT POINT...BEST TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA.

IN THESE TIMES, ONE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.
KLIK
UREET

BRRROOOOMMMM

STOOD UP. THAT'S PETTY, AIDEN, EVEN FOR--
HUH?
RUN!
THE BUILDING'S COMING DOWN!
WHAT...
...BUILDING...?
OH, GOD...
ALLOW ME TO PAY THE BILL FOR THE LADY WHO JUST LEFT.
SHE'S NORMALLY VERY THOUGHTFUL AND I'M AFRAID I'VE PUT HER OUT.
BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT ALL WILL BE WELL, DEAR ANNA. AND WHY NOT?
EVERYTHING HAS GONE PERFECTLY ACCORDING TO PLAN.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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HAIL HYDR-- Wait a second, NO! The Superior Octopus IS awesome and handsome and capable, but HE'S DOING BAD THINGS! MUST NOT LIKE HIM!

Yeesh, that was a close one. Boy, Peter's got his hands full here, doesn't he? Welcome to our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in arc. The Marvel Universe is in deep doo-doo at the hands of a Cosmic Cube-changed Steve Rogers, and it's up to Spider-Man and friends to do something about it. If you've been reading SECRET EMPIRE proper, you know that stopping StEVIL Rogers is easier said than done. And then there's the addition of our favorite eight-tentacled Spider-Foe! My true belief is shaken, True Believers. Maybe your letters will give me hope!

Hey Nick & your Amazing Friends,

Can we keep Stuart on pencils for, say, ever? Please?! LOVE it! Totally elevates Slott's schlock. (Wait, that sounds dirtier than I intended.) Just kidding, Dan. ;) Keep doing what you're doing. Is it really going on seven years on ASM? Congrats, sir!

Best,
Rick Yankosky
Hainesport, NJ

From your mouth to God's (and Stuart's) ears. Stuart and Dan are a match made in heaven, which I know because I've seen how amazing Stuart is doing on ASM #31 right now! And the same goes for Wade and Marte!

Hi Spider-Team,

I have to say, you guys never cease to amaze me! I've been reading Spider-Man comics since high school and each story arc gets better and better. I'm getting my little brother into the Spider-Man comics and now Spidey is his favorite super hero! It was my love for Spider-Man that encouraged me to cosplay at conventions. I mostly cosplayed different versions of Spider-Man. My most recent Spider-Man cosplay was Captain Spidey (a mash-up between Captain America and Spider-Man). This is a photo of my costume taken by my friend Samia (riot.selene on Instagram). I want to cosplay as many versions of Spider-Man as possible. I have a couple of questions: 1) What's next for Spider-Man after "THE OSBORN IDENTITY" and "SECRET EMPIRE"? 2) Will there be another brother reunion between Peter, Kaine and Ben? 3) Will Peter take his relationship with Mockingbird to the next level?

Your Fan,
Anthony

LOOKING GOOD, Anthony! Love that mash-up. Heck, maybe this is how SECRET EMPIRE ends! To answer your questions: 1) After this incredible tie-in arc, there might not be any super hero comics as the villains are winning! 2) A Peter/Ben/Kaine reunion is never out of the question, but it depends on the scintillating sequence of events in BEN REILLY: SCARLET SPIDER! 3) For more details on Pebbie...Botter...not sure what cute Peter/Bobbie name combo is best...come back in two weeks for ASM #30!

Dear Spider-Crew,

I am a 14-year-old boy living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the only thing my friends and I love talking about are comics. I have been a huge Spidey fan since I was 3 years old and now I don't miss a single thing about the web-head, but I do have some that have been on my mind lately, questions like:

1. Why was the only time we saw Spidey use his spider-sense during #4 of ASM stating "Time to use my new super-power" and nowhere after that?

2. Is Spidey going to lose his company in future issues?

3. Are Peter and Ben Reilly ever meeting again?

Also keep up the fantastic work.

Sincerely,
Asher T.

Thanks for writing in and for getting your brother hooked on Spidey, Asher! To answer your questions: 1) I'm not sure what you're referring to if it's something other than Spidey's Spider-Sense that warns him of immediate danger, but he uses it all the time! Looked through our most recent ASM #4 and the original ASM #4 and couldn't find another sense that you're referring to. Write back in if I'm missing something! 2) Is Spidey going to lose his company? Why do you want to know?! SOUNDS LIKE INSIDER TRADING! 3) I find it hard to believe that Peter and Ben won't meet again. First, Peter has to learn that Ben's alive at all!

That's all for this issue! Make sure you're back at your local comic book shop in two weeks for the next incredible issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! Let's hope Peter can make a difference and help de-Hydra the USA!

Keep on webbing!

NICK

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